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SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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See-waa-dvn (Say-wah-dun) Rock beside

The Smith River Rancheria's new six unit See-waa-dvn (rock beside) Senior Housing Project is scheduled to be completed this summer. There are six homes exclusively for our elder or handicapped households and their certified In Home Support Services (IHSS) Worker, should they need one. This project is a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded project. This means the units will be for low income seniors. The rent will be calculated individually based on income. No more than thirty percent of each person's adjusted income can be charged for rent.

Once the homes are complete, the elders currently living in Smith River Rancheria units, and qualify, will be given first opportunity to move into the new units. The remaining new units will be filled, based on the current waiting list.



Please stop by the Tribal Office and pick up or call and request one be sent. It is a new year. If you have an application on file, please call and update your information. I look forward to working with each of you in completing your applications.

*Submitted by Linda K. Tuttle
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General Membership Meeting Saturday, March 10, 2012

The General Membership Meeting is the annual business meeting of the Smith River Rancheria, open to all Smith River Rancheria Tribal members sixteen years of age and older.

If childcare is necessary for you to attend, please call (707) 487-9255, ext. 3500. Only 20 spots are available so call now!

Election information on pages 16 and 17.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Calling all graduates!!! If you know of any tribal member who is graduating or has graduated this year in 8th grade, 12th grade or college level, please contact the Smith River Rancheria Community & Family Services Department.

Please contact Leann Babcock at
707.487.9255 extension 3131

**ATTENTION TRIBAL
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(707) 487-9255 ext. 3120
Or send mail to:
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February 2012

Cupid's Cash

**Tuesday - February 14th
Drawings 2 - 6pm**

**House of Howonquet - 5 to 8pm
Valentine's Day Special
Prime Rib for 2 with Dessert!**



LIVE IN THE TOLOWA EVENT CENTER

B.J. THOMAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd - 7pm



Get your tickets now - Selling out fast!!

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&
7 to 10pm**

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**HOT SEAT
DRAWINGS**

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2 to 5pm
Every half hour**

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Car drawing March 25th**



**Earn tickets all week for
a Gold ticket to win the car!**

**Drawings Fri. and Sun.
1 - 4pm & 6 - 10pm**

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Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

Feb 6	Tr'vm'-dan' Dee-ni' (NAGPRA) Committee Meeting - 5:30 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Feb 9	Wee'-ya' (Language) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Feb 10	March Newsletter Deadline
Feb 13	Business Outlook Conference Tolowa Event Center (see below)
Feb 14	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - CANCELLED HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Feb 15	Waa-saa~-ghitlh-'a~ (Culture) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Feb 23-25	Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery Chopper Derby Visit www.rowdycreek.com or call (707) 487-3443 for more information
Feb 28	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Howonquet Hall Community Center

BUSINESS OUTLOOK CONFERENCE 2012

For the 14th year offering the business communities of Curry and Del Norte Counties the opportunity to acquire information on the economic climate of America's Wild Rivers Coast for the up coming year

Monday, February 13, 2012

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Tolowa Event Center @ Lucky 7 Casino
Smith River, California**

Conference includes breakfast & lunch.
\$45.00 pre-registration/\$50.00 at the door

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Feds Fund Rancheria Roadway Improvements

\$2.5 million to upgrade Highway 101 around Smith River

The main transportation artery of the North Coast is getting some safety improvements thanks to the United States Department of Transportation.

Today, Congressional Representative Mike Thompson (Dem. – St. Helena) announced the awarding of a \$2.5 million grant through the DOTs Tiger III program to the Smith River Rancheria of Del Norte County. These funds will be used to make roadway safety improvements along Highway 101.

“This grant will improve our road safety and strengthen our economy by putting people back to work renovating out-of-date infrastructure,” Thompson stated in a release. “Anyone who has driven along Highway 101 through the Rancheria knows these improvements are long overdue, and I will keep fighting for these smart investments that rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, create jobs, and most important, keeps people safe.”

According to Thompson’s Communications Director, Austin Vevurka, these upgrades will reduce traffic-related injuries by improving walking and bicycling safety along 1.3 miles of the highway within the ancestral lands of the Smith River Rancheria; these will include stamped shoulder treatments, new signage and lighting to promote traffic calming.

“We are so happy and excited about this announcement,” Smith River tribal chair Kara Brundin-Miller stated. “We view the tribe as a key part of this community and we believe this grant will help make this highway safer for everyone. We express our thanks to Congressman Thompson for his tireless efforts on behalf of this project.”

This project was the fruit of a year-long regional planning process between the tribe, the Federal Highway Administration, Caltrans and the Del Norte Local Transportation Commission — the first of its kind between a Native American tribe with DOT.

Construction is expected to commence in the coming months, as funding has already started to be dispensed to the Rancheria by Caltrans.

The Smith River Rancheria, one of the homes of the Tolowa Tribe, was originally established in 1908, and has grown to more than 500 acres in territory. Many of its 1,200 members live in southern Oregon and northern California, and the section of Highway 101 to be improved runs through the heart of the Rancheria, in close proximity to the tribe’s medical clinic, Head Start facility, cultural center and other heavily visited areas. The grant makers hope these highway improvements will increase economic opportunity in the region.



*Submitted by Russ Crabtree, Tribal Administrator
Source: Humboldt Sentinel*

Elder Nutrition Menu - February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Suggested donations: Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free) Under 55, \$7		1 Clam Chowder	2 Cook’s Choice	3 Beans with Bacon
6 Chili Macaroni	7 Chicken Fiesta	8 Beef Stew	9 Tuna Casserole	10 Salisbury Steak
13 Pasta Casserole	14 Meatloaf	15 Navy Bean Soup	16 Sweet `n Sour Pork	17 Shepherd’s Pie
20 Bean & Cheese Burrito	21 Beef and Noodles	22 Chicken Vegetable Soup	23 Liver & Onions	24 Breakfast
27 Chili Relleno	28 Chicken `Ala King	29 Pork and Noodle Soup		

Lunch served @ 12:00 pm
Reserve Lunch @ 707-487-4463
Menu Subject to Change

101 Indian Court
Smith River, CA 94438

Tai Chi - Every Wednesday, 12:30 pm
RepChem 3rd Wednesday

One Little Indian Girl’s Story

Part 1: “Leaving Indian Country...”

Picture:

Once upon a time, back in the early 1960’s, four little Tolowa Indian children were playing in the Northern California redwoods, climbing trees, picking blackberries, running barefoot on the Pacific Ocean beach collecting agates and sea shells, and fishing in the Smith and Klamath Rivers. Vivid memories appear of attending the Shaker Church marathon ceremonies during severs weather conditions, carrying hot wicked white candles as the scorching wax ran down onto their little hands. Carrying and ringing the heavy gold brass bells while walking in a circle and singing are such clear memories that will never be forgotten. Another intense memory is that of working and smelling those wonderful whiffs of handmade wooden smokehouses that cooked the fresh salmon and other wild fish and meats. Those four little Tolowa Indians were, oldest to youngest, Vickie Ann Spargur, Dale and Gale Spargur (identical twins) and Sadie Lee Spargur. Those four little ones were the children of Ruth Pete (Pope), a full blooded Tolowa Indian. Ruth married Norman Spargur, a non-Indian and they were divorced in the early 1960’s. This story is being written by the youngest of Ruth’s children, Sadie Lee Nichols, now married to Loal Nichols both of whom now live on the Smith River reservation.



Living in Crescent City as a child, I, Sadie Lee Nichols, was approximately 5 years old, when I was brought to the Del Norte courthouse. I didn’t know it at that time, but I was about to be “interviewed” by a county judge. I remember sitting in the huge, cold, court hallway with my mother holding my hand and constantly hugging and kissing me. I do remember asking my mother what was going on. And, the next words from my mother were music to my ears. She held me and told me that, “they will not take you away from me”. I remember silently crying in that county court house hallway and waiting and waiting, for what I did not know. The next thing I remember, I was sitting in a huge leather chair in front of a very big man in a black robe and black glasses sitting behind a humongous-sized wooden desk. My mother was not anywhere to be seen. I remember looking all over the room and I could not find my mother. Why, could I not see my mother, I screamed inside!

The judge started to ask me many, many, many questions, about what, I do not totally recall. I just remember that the questions seemed to be very personal about where I live, school activities, what I ate for meals and so on. Why is this big man asking me all these questions? Where are my brothers and sister? The next thing I remember was being escorted out of the courthouse by a total female stranger and put into a strange vehicle. The woman was nice to me and told me that she was taking me to a new safe home and would be staying with a new family. “What about my mother and brothers and sister?” I ask. This strange woman told me that my sister, Vicki Ann, would be staying with a girlfriend in Fort Dick and that my brothers, Dale and Gale, would be staying with another foster family in town. Foster family? What is a foster family?, I ask. This lady told me that we four children would be going to live with our farther, Norman, in Southern California soon. But, in the meantime, we have to stay with these foster families.

My next memory of being taken away from my mother was being introduced to a man and woman in a new home and shown to my very own bed-room. I remember sitting on the edge of this bed and crying about all the stuff that was happening and not understanding why my mother and siblings were not with me. And, what did this nice lady mean when she said we four little Indian children would be living in Southern California? I did not understand any of it.

To be continued...in March newsletter

Submitted by Sadie Lee Nichols

Do you need a ride to Crescent City or Brookings?

Call Sadie Lee Nichols

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CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you live in Del Norte or Curry County and need help paying for child care while you work or go to school, Smith River Rancheria Community and Family Services may be able to help.

We are currently accepting applications for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP); a federally funded program administered by Smith River Rancheria.

The CCAP provides a subsidy to help families pay for licensed child care in a child care center or family day care home. Families who qualify for CCAP pay a nominal share of their total monthly child care expenses.

To request an application or more information, please contact Leann Babcock at 707-487-9255 ext. 3131.

February is National Cancer Prevention Month

Did you know 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime? Know your risks and caution signs. Early detection is your best protection. Be an active participant in screenings such as breast self-exam, testicular self-exam, mammography, pelvic and Pap test, colonoscopy, prostate-specific antigen test and digital rectal exam, skin self-exam and dental exam.

CAUTION SIGNS OF CANCER

Cancer occurs when abnormal cells grow and spread uncontrollably, threatening normal cells in the process. The risk of developing cancer increases with age but cancer can occur in people of both sexes and of every age and background. The best defense against cancer is early detection and treatment. Knowing these caution signs can save your life.

- Unusual bleeding or discharge
- A lump or thickening anywhere in the body
- A sore that does not heal
- Persistent change in bowel or bladder habits
- Persistent cough or hoarseness
- Change in a wart or mole
- Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing

If you have any of these symptoms or notice unusual changes in your body or health, see your doctor immediately.

Early Detection Saves Lives

Submitted by Andromeda Lopez, CFS Clerk
Source: www.cancerservicesonline.org



Tribal Emergency Response Team (TERT)

The Tribal Emergency Response Team (TERT) plans, implements, coordinates and directs Rancheria wide emergency services programs including policy and procedure development, resource management, operational readiness, response, rescue and evacuation plans and capabilities that conform to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance. The TERT coordinates preparation of a variety of contingency plans, in response to identification of hazards, including transportation accidents hazardous materials related incidents, tsunamis, earthquakes and other emergency, civil defense, communications, emergency response and directed hazard mitigation.

The TERT continues to meet monthly to help establish plans and procedures to handle emergency situations on the Rancheria. This includes communication, transportation, securing emergency supplies, and various trainings for both Team members and Tribal Members along with members of the local community. The TERT helped develop an Emergency Operations Plan for the Rancheria and completed it in early 2009, bringing the Tribe into compliance with FEMA/NIMS requirements. Recent events include and Adult CPR, First Aid, Infant CPR, Child CPR and Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) certification classes in partnership with the Red Cross. TERT Members along with other employees also receive a yearly course to become Hazardous Materials First Responder Certified. Employee trainings are done yearly on the proper use of Fire Extinguishers. Local Tsunami Planning and Awareness Trainings have been brought to the Howonquet Hall Community Center for TERT Members, employees, Tribal Members and public invited to attend.

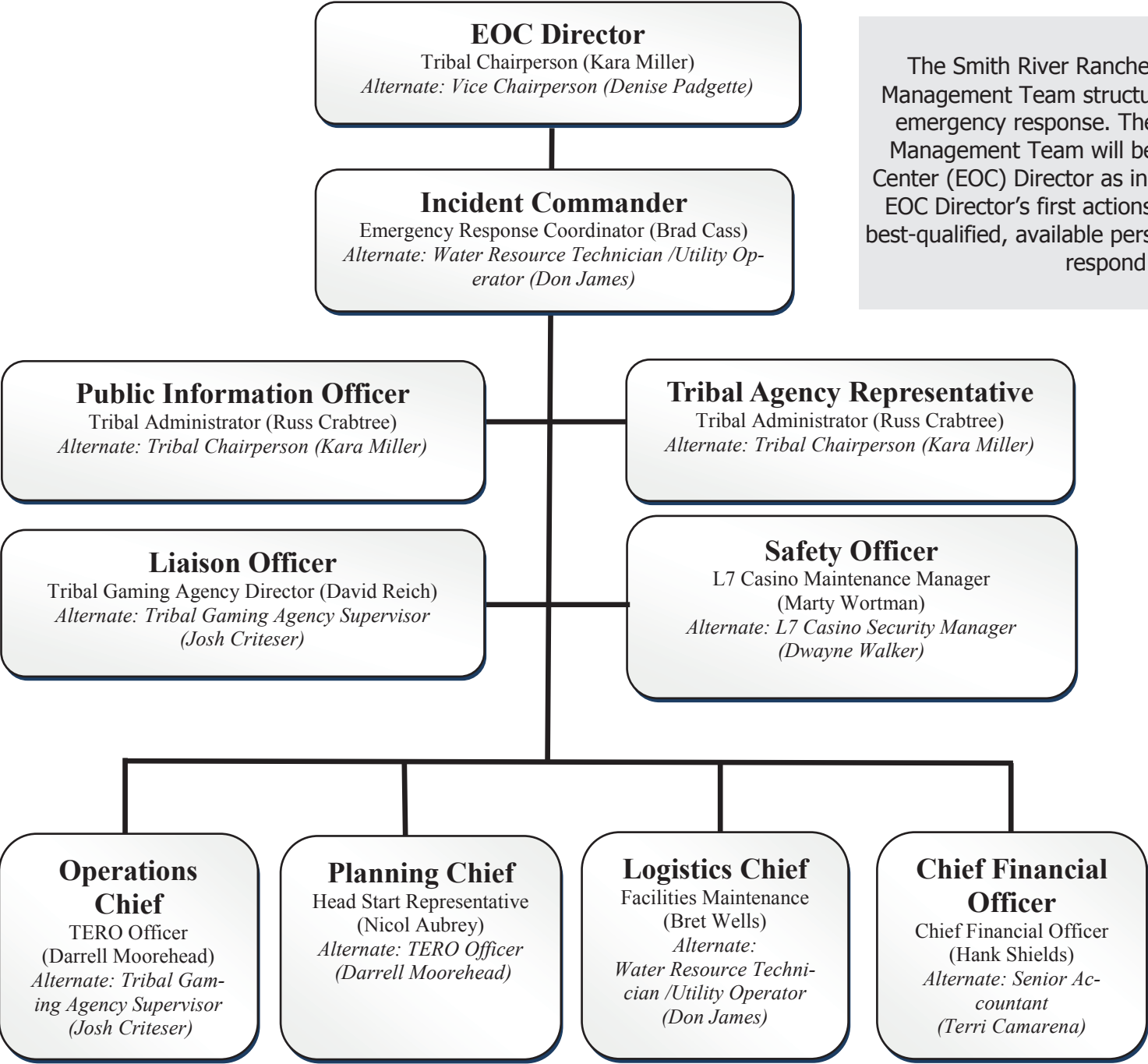
To ensure communication during a disaster, emergency radios were installed in several tribal vehicles and handhelds are available for use. An

emergency frequency has been established solely for the Tribe from the Federal Communications Commission for their use. Through the TERT Committee, along with funding from the Tribal Council, AED units were purchased and are being installed at various locations in tribal facilities. Emergency Procedures are presently being developed to install in each tribally owned facility. An Incident Management Team has been created to handle declared emergencies and responsibilities assigned to various Tribal Council, Tribal Administrator, Fiscal employees and TERT Members. Through the TERT a Tsunami Siren has been installed at the Howonquet Hall Community Center which is connected directed to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) providing warning of impending Tsunami and are tested monthly. An additional siren is being planned to be installed at the end of Mouth of Smith River Road to insure coverage of the Rancheria. Tsunami Evacuation signage was procured and installed within the tsunami zone on the Rancheria.

The TERT works in partnership with other Tribes and their emergency response personnel through the North Coast Tribal Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) which will combine the strength of the Northern California Tribes to have a strong voice with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and with securing monies provided to the State of California that should go to Tribes. TERT Staff attend Federal, State, County and local meetings regarding emergency management and develop professional relationships with various entities and agencies.

*Submitted by Brad Cass
Natural Resources Director*

Smith River Rancheria Incident Management Team



The Smith River Rancheria will initially use the Incident Management Team structure to direct and control a disaster emergency response. The Smith River Rancheria Incident Management Team will be led by an Emergency Operating Center (EOC) Director as indicated in the top Box. One of the EOC Director's first actions should be the assignment of the best-qualified, available person to fill the positions necessary to respond to the disaster.



Maintenance Department

Yard Vegetation Abatement Assistance Program (YVAAP)

The Maintenance Department provides the YVAAP to enrolled tribal elders who has attained the age of 65 or a medically-verified physical handicap, disability, or illness that prevents or makes it unreasonably difficult to perform yard maintenance. For purposes of this policy, Maintenance Service Area is defined as the geographic area located within, or adjacent to, the following borders: Crescent City, Brookings, and Gasquet.

Elder Assistance Program:

The Maintenance Department provides elder assistance to Smith River Rancheria tribal members who are home owners and need repairs to their residences.

Contact the Maintenance Department Clerk at (707) 487-9255, ext. 3601 for more information on these programs.

From the Housing Department

SECURING YOUR HOME

Nine out of 10 household burglaries are preventable. Use these tips to keep your home from being an “easy mark.”

- Make your easiest entry more burglar-resistant: trim trees and shrubs near doors and windows, add exterior lights mounted out of easy reach, and think twice before adding a high wooden fence.
- Slow burglars down with simple security devices including nails, screws, padlocks, door and window locks, grates, bars and bolts.
- Rearrange furnishings if you can easily see valuables from the outside.
- Make sure your outside doors are metal or solid hardwood and at least 1 ¾ inches thick. Frames should be made of equally strong material. Install a reputable brand of deadbolt lock on every outer door.
- Use a peephole or wide-angle viewer for closed-door viewing rather than a door chain.
- Get specially designed locks for sliding glass doors.
- Establish a routine for checking doors and window when you leave home.
- Avoid giving information to unidentified telephone callers or announcing personal plans in public.
- Keep track of your keys and don't carry house keys on a ring bearing your home address. Don't leave house keys in your car when you park in a commercial lot and don't hide them in a secret place outside your home.
- When going on vacation, leave blinds open in their usual position, have mail and packages picked up or forwarded, arrange to have your lawn mown or driveway shoveled, ask friends to pick up any newspapers or circulars that accumulate and use automatic timers for lights and radio.



*Respectfully submitted by Linda K. Tuttle
Housing Program Specialist
Source: Insurance Information Institute, New York*

8 SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE HEATING & COOLING BILLS

1. Thinking about buying storm windows or adding extra insulation? Good for you. But you don't necessarily have to pay for it all. Call your local utility company and inquire about incentive programs. Often, the gas or electric company (sometime both) will chip in for these expenses.
2. Call the utility company again when you're in the market for a new air conditioner or heater. Ask for advice. You'll get an expert, unbiased opinion about which work most efficiently.
3. Have that heating and air conditioning system checked annually by a serviceman. You'll improve efficiency and get early warning of a breakdown.
4. Install ceiling fans. They keep rooms cool in the summer and recirculate warm air in the winter.
5. Headed out for a few hours in the summer? Turn off the AC. Many people think it's less expensive to keep a cooling system running in warm weather. They're wrong.
6. Keep lamps away from your thermostat. They'll heat the area, which will keep the AC running excessively in the summer and prevent the heater from kicking in regularly during winter months.
7. Got a kitchen or bathroom ventilation fan? Use it sparingly. Experts say those fans can suck all the warm or cool air out of a house in just one hour.
8. Install vents on your roof to keep your attic from trapping heat.

*Respectfully Submitted by Linda K. Tuttle
Housing Program Specialist
Source: Squeeze Your Home for Cash by Ruth Rejnis*

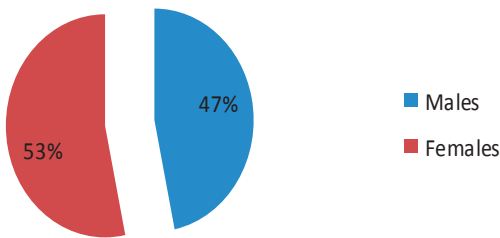


Membership Statistics

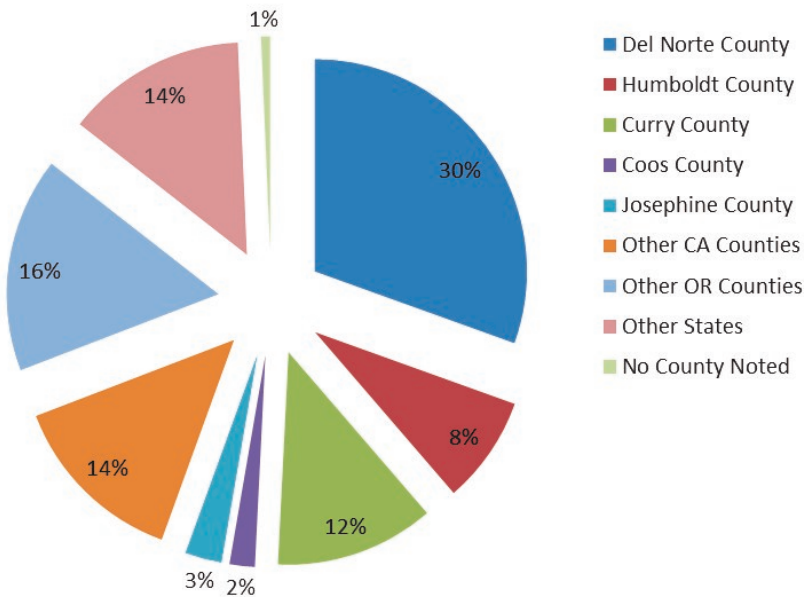
TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP BY COUNTY

LOCATION	MEMBERSHIP	AGE RANGES						
		0-5	6-12	13-17	18-25	26-40	41-60	61+
Del Norte County	443	47	58	45	78	76	99	40
Humboldt County	119	20	15	9	16	21	28	10
Curry County	176	24	22	11	24	38	41	16
Coos County	28	3	9	1	3	5	5	2
Josephine County	41	5	8	3	5	10	6	4
Other CA Counties	198	16	24	25	35	46	40	13
Other OR Counties	238	25	35	27	35	58	45	13
Other States	200	20	43	25	27	44	29	12
No County Noted	10	1	1	1	0	0	6	0
	1453	161	215	147	223	298	299	110

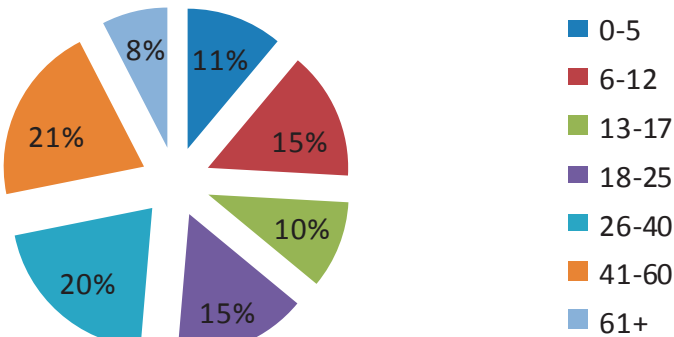
Membership by Sex



MEMBERSHIP BY COUNTY



MEMBERSHIP BY AGE



*Submitted by Theresa Ferrer
Enrollment Specialist*

Scholarship Opportunities

Smith River Rancheria Education Department would like to inform you:

The American Indians Committee of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards scholarships to Native Americans. This award is intended to help Native American college and technical school students of any age, any tribe, in any state striving to obtain an education. All awards are judged based on financial need and academic achievement.

The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000.

Deadline for National Society Daughters of the American Revolution: American Indians Committee: April 1, 2012.

To request an application or more information, please contact Leann Babcock at 707-487-9255 ext. 3131.

*Submitted by Leann Babcock-McCallum
CFS Program Technician*

Smith River Rancheria Community and Family Services:

If you know anyone looking for Scholarships or scholarship information please let them know

Indian Country Today has a new searchable website with lots of good resources about Scholarships.

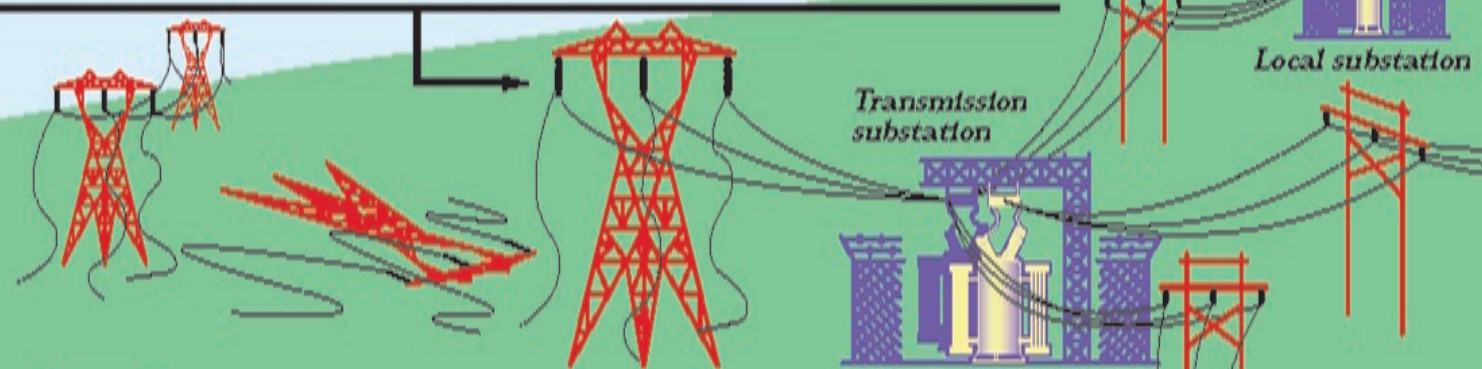
For more information about Indian Country Today, you can view their website at: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/education/scholarships/>

*Submitted by Leann Babcock-McCallum
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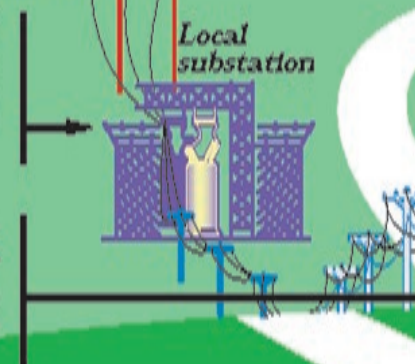
The steps to restoring power

Illustration by Katherine Fowler

Step 1. Transmission towers and lines supply power to one or more transmission substations. These lines seldom fail, but they can be damaged by a hurricane or tornado. Tens of thousands of people could be served by one high-voltage transmission line, so if there is damage here it gets attention first.



Step 2. A co-op may have several local distribution substations, each serving thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, the local distribution substations are checked first. A problem here could be caused by failure in the transmission system supplying the substation. If the problem can be corrected at the substation level, power may be restored to a large number of people.



Step 3. Main distribution supply lines are checked next if the problem cannot be isolated at the substation. These supply lines carry electricity away from the substation to a group of consumers, such as a town or housing development. When power is restored at this stage, all consumers served by this supply line could see the lights come on, as long as there is no problem farther down the line.

Hurricanes and ice storms. Tornadoes and blizzards. Electric cooperative members have seen them all in the last few years. And with such severe weather comes power outages. Restoring power after a major outage is a big job that involves much more than simply throwing a switch or removing a tree from a line.

The main goal is to restore power safely to the greatest number of members in the shortest time possible.

The major cause of outages is damage caused by fallen trees. That's why your electric cooperative has an ongoing right-of-way maintenance program.

The illustration on these pages explains how power typically is restored after a major disaster, such as a hurricane or tornado. While power restoration priorities may differ from co-op to co-op, electric system repairs generally follow a plan similar to the one illustrated here.

Area enlarged: Members themselves (not the co-op) are responsible for damage to the service installation on the building. Your co-op can't fix this. Call a licensed electrician.

Step 5. Sometimes, damage will occur on the service line between your house and the transformer on the nearby pole. This can explain why you have no power when your neighbor does. Your co-op needs to know you have an outage here, so a service crew can repair it.

During a major outage, other cooperatives are prepared to help. They send line crews to assist with restoring power. These additional crews, as well as equipment and supplies, are coordinated through The Tarheel Electric Membership Association in Raleigh, a central purchasing and supply cooperative owned by all the state's 28 electric co-ops.

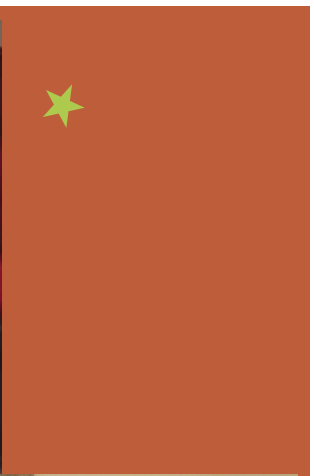
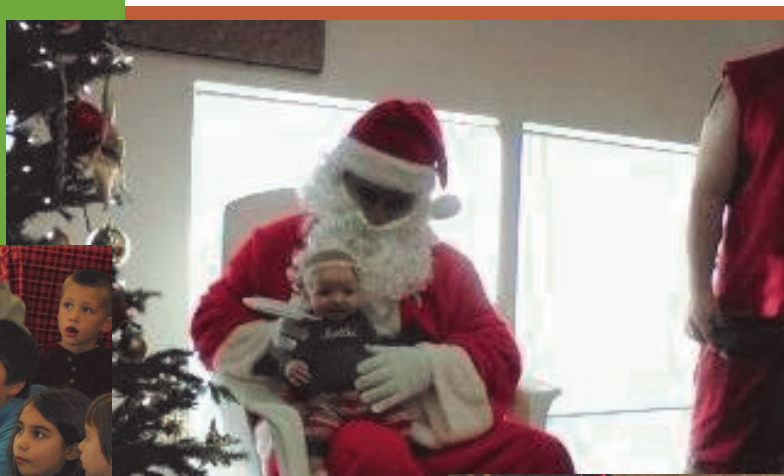
Report your outage to the cooperative office. Employees or response services use every available phone line to receive your outage reports. Remember that a major outage can affect thousands of other members. Your cooperative appreciates your patience.

Individual households may receive special attention if loss of electricity affects life support systems or poses another immediate danger. If you or a family member depends on life support, call your cooperative before an emergency arises. When a significant outage occurs, your co-op will fix your problem as quickly as possible, or will call to let you know to seek shelter elsewhere.

DANGER!
Stay clear
of fallen
lines

*Submitted by Malcolm Champlain
Housing Project Manager*

Dee-ni' Mvsr-xee-ye' K'vsh-mvsh Lhetlh-xat



2011 Tribal Children's Christmas Party Report!



146 Adults/children attended the 2011 Tribal Christmas Party, which included a turkey and ham dinner with trimmings. The Children's Events Committee would like to thank Sharon Bravo for her help with cooking the turkey & Mabel Boardman for providing homemade sugar cookies for the event.



The Children's Events Committee would also like to thank Horse Aubrey for playing Santa; Sadie Nicols, Erika Brundin, Adrian Lopez, Kristina Gaylord, & Edie Mendiola for helping with the event set up/clean up; SRR Housing Crew for assembling Santa's stage; Sunnae Walker with SRR Maintenance who helped with cleaning; And a thank you to anyone who helped and was not mentioned, our apologies.



Employee Spotlight



Josh Criteser, Smith River Rancheria Tribal Member, was born and raised on Prince Island Court. Over the years he has moved to Crescent City two times, but Prince Island Court is his home and has called him back both times. Josh attended elementary school in Smith River, then attended Del Norte High School.

As a kid, Josh spent a lot of time with his grandparents Mike and Phyllis Covey. Mike was a logger and

would take Josh to work with him on Saturdays. Josh enjoyed spending time with his grandfather and learning how to log. Also when Josh was younger, he loved to go watch his parents, Kathy and David, play softball. Josh has fond memories of his childhood, “*because I’m still in it*” he says with a smile.

Josh is proud to be an uncle and enjoys spending time with his sister’s kids. He also likes to go bowling, and likes to travel. Josh plans to go to the Philippines next winter. He has friends who own a home there in a coastal town where the weather is warm and the beaches are perfect for swimming. On a past trip, Josh got an ear infection from doing a lot of deep diving. He tried to take care of it himself by pouring rubbing alcohol in his ear, but he ended up going to the hospital. After about a ten minute wait, he saw a doctor who surprisingly spoke very good English. When asked if the rubbing alcohol hurt his ear, Josh said yes. The doctor is his very clear English said “*that was stupid, you’re not supposed to do that!*” Josh got a prescription, paid \$28, and was on his way. As for the Philippines, Josh says “*the mangos were so good, I’m going back!*”

Josh is active with the Smith River Rancheria’s Housing and Election Committees. Josh encourages other Tribal Members to join committees. It doesn’t take a lot of time and you make a difference for your Tribe. Josh also reminds people to register and vote in the General Election, which will be held May 19th this year.

Josh began working for the Lucky 7 Casino’s Security Department when he was 19 years old. Eleven years later he is a Supervisor for the Surveillance Department. Josh as well as his co-workers, are excited about the addition of the state of the art Dallmeier monitoring system recently added to the department. Josh enjoys working for Surveillance and is proud to know he plays a part in helping to protect the Tribe’s assets.

Submitted by Debbie Boardman, Receptionist



Jennifer Silva was born in Mt. Shasta, California. She lived in Klamath Falls, Oregon most of her childhood. When Jennifer was 13 years old her family moved to Blythe, California, then on to Crescent City, where Jennifer attended Del Norte High School.

Jennifer is a Smith River Rancheria Tribal Member. She is the great-granddaughter of Elsie Brown, and

the granddaughter of the late Bobby Lee Criteser, who was a Tribal Member, and Patricia Criteser. Some of Jennifer’s best childhood memories include spending time with her “Papa” and “Granny” (Bobby Lee and Patricia) in Smith River. She would come visit them during most vacations and school breaks. One of her favorite memories is going smelt and salmon fishing with them, then after catching her limit she would lay down and sleep, covered with her grandparents extra jackets and blankets. Jennifer’s life has been greatly influenced by her grandparents, her parents Raoul Silva and Kathy Silva, and her aunt, Teresa Hegnes (Jennifer’s mom and aunt are also Tribal Members). These people have taught her to be strong willed, caring, hardworking, and passionate in all she does. The lessons they have taught her throughout her life cannot be learned from a book or a movie, they come from the heart.

Jennifer enjoys camping and spending time at the river with family and friends. She likes to attend country music concerts and Jennifer is also a snowboarder. Mt. Shasta is one of her favorite places to go snowboarding.

In 2010, Jennifer went on a cruise to Mexico with two of her close friends. They had a lot of fun and a great trip. Two weeks after they had returned home, the cruise ship they had been on, the Carnival Splendor, became stranded off the coast of Mexico for four days when a fire broke out in the engine room, destroying power to the ship.

Jennifer loves spending time with her twin nephews Ayden and Trenton, who will be 5 years old this year. They live in Sacramento, so she makes a lot of trips there to see them. In the future, Jennifer would like to get married and have a family, she wants to adopt children and give them a good home.

Jennifer has attended College of the Redwoods, and also Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Oregon. She is currently taking online classes through Rogue Community College. She would like to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse, and plans to enter the L.V.N Program next year.

Jennifer’s first job was working at Taco Man in Crescent City. She worked for her uncle for two years at Englund Marine, then began working for the Lucky 7 Fuel Mart. After a couple of years, Jennifer began working for Surveillance at Lucky 7 Casino and has been there for four years. She is excited about new technology recently added to the Surveillance department. Jennifer enjoys her job, and works with a great bunch of co-workers.

Submitted by Debbie Boardman, Receptionist

**The White House
Office of the Press Secretary
For Immediate Release
January 5, 2012**

**We Can't Wait: The White House
Announces Federal and Private
Sector Commitments to Provide
Employment Opportunities for
Nearly 180,000 Youth**

Today, the White House announced Summer Jobs+, a new call to action for businesses, non-profits, and government to work together to provide pathways to employment for low-income and disconnected youth in the summer of 2012. The President proposed \$1.5 billion for high-impact summer jobs and year-round employment for low-income youth ages 16-24 in the American Jobs Act as part of the Pathways Back to Work fund. When Congress failed to act, the Federal government and private sector came together to commit to creating nearly 180,000 employment opportunities for low-income youth in the summer of 2012, with a goal of reaching 250,000 employment opportunities by the start of summer, at least 100,000 of which will be placements in paid jobs and internships. Today's announcement is the latest in a series of executive actions the Obama Administration is taking to strengthen the economy and move the country forward because we can't wait for Congress to act.

"America's young people face record unemployment, and we need to do everything we can to make sure they've got the opportunity to earn the skills and a work ethic that come with a job. It's important for their future, and for America's. That's why I proposed a summer jobs program for youth in the American Jobs Act – a plan that Congress failed to pass. America's youth can't wait for Congress to act. This is an all-hands-on-deck moment. That's why today, we're launching Summer Jobs+, a joint initiative that challenges business leaders and communities to join my Administration in providing hundreds of thousands of summer jobs for America's youth," said President

Obama.

"While young people who are currently disconnected from school or work are not contributing to our economy, we see these young people as 'Opportunity Youth' – because of the untapped potential they bring to the Nation. Today, the White House challenged all sectors to go all-in and work together in creating pathways to youth employment. Summer jobs are an important step – and to stay on the path to success, Opportunity Youth need social supports and access to relevant education, mentoring and training. This spring, the White House Council for Community Solutions will participate in community discussions nationwide to learn from best efforts by youth, families, government, business, educators, and nonprofits to connect young people to meaningful career opportunities," said Patty Stonesifer, Chair of the White House Council for Community Solutions (WHCCS).

The Administration also announced its intention to launch, within 60 days, the Summer Jobs+ Bank, a one-stop search tool for youth to access postings for any participating employers seeking to reach them where they are online. The search tool builds upon an open standard, the Job Posting schema endorsed by schema.org in November, 2011 in support of the Veterans Jobs Bank, and will include technical and promotional support by Google, Internships.com, AfterCollege, LinkedIn and Facebook. Today the Corporation for National and Community Service released a new toolkit created in collaboration with the WHCCS and employers to support businesses and communities in their efforts to help young people become productive citizens and connect to greater opportunities, both of which are critical for the long-term strength and competitiveness of the Nation. Today's announcements build on previous commitments from the Obama Administration to support summer youth employment. In 2009 and 2010, communities across the country used Recovery Act funds to directly support summer work opportunities for over 367,000 young people. In the

summer of 2011, the Department of Labor brought together private sector commitments to employ over 80,000 youth.

A new analysis released today by the WHCCS showed that in 2011 alone, taxpayers shouldered more than \$93 billion in direct costs and lost tax revenue to support young adults disconnected from school and work. Over the lifetime of these young people, taxpayers will assume a \$1.6 trillion burden to meet the increased needs and lost revenue from this group. Read the full analysis here.

Businesses, non-profits and government can accept the President's call-to-action by directly hiring youth as well as providing corporate mentorship experiences, internship, and other opportunities that connect young people to jobs. The three key ways organizations can engage are: Learn and Earn: Provide youth jobs for the summer of 2012 in the form of paid internships and/or permanent positions that provide on-the-job training. Of the roughly 180,000 job commitments announced today more than 70,000 are Learn and Earn commitments

Life Skills: Provide youth work-related soft skills, such as communication, time management and teamwork, through coursework and/or experience. This includes resume writing or interview workshops and mentorship programs.

Work Skills: Provide youth insight into the world of work to prepare for employment. This includes job shadow days and internships. More information about this initiative can be found at dol.gov/summerjobs.

More information may be found at: www.whitehouse.gov

*Submitted by Dorothy Perry
CFS Director*

- Read sale ads and plan to use sale foods in your meals.
- Plan out meals and make a shopping list. Stick to it!
- Group foods on your list to match the store's layout. You'll shop faster and it's easier to remember everything, too.
- Shop when you have time to read labels and compare prices. Store brand food often has similar quality at a much lower price.
- Try to shop after eating; you may buy more when you're hungry.
- Leave your child/children with a friend or sitter if you need to. Stores put many foods that children like, such as candy and products with prizes, where they can see and reach them.
- Try to make a shopping trip once a week or once every 2 weeks. It's easier to shop smart if you shop less often.
- Take food home right away. Refrigerate meat, chicken, and other perishable foods so they stay fresh and safe.

When making a food choice, remember to consider vitamins and minerals. Some foods provide most of their calories from sugar and fat but give you few, if any, vitamins and minerals. Read labels to find out just how many calories are in specific products you decide to buy. Try to choose lower fat and low-calorie alternatives.

*Submitted by Andromeda Lopez
CFS Clerk*

*Source: www.fns.usda.gov
www.nhlbi.nih.gov*



Writing a Will

When Indian lands were allotted and the federal trust was established in the late 1800s, it's not surprising that very few Indian people considered writing a will to protect their lands and assets when they passed on. The state probate laws determining trust land inheritance divided up land ownership amongst all of the original allottee's heirs into undivided interests. With each passing generation, the undivided interests continued to be passed down to all heirs and the number of owners grew, and continues to grow exponentially, resulting in the highly fractionated ownership of much of Indian land today. Many state probate laws passed ownership to the surviving spouse, even if he or she was non-Indian. Because a non-Indian cannot hold trust land, this land lost its trust status, causing more land to go out of Indian control.

In 2004, the American Indian Probate Reform Act established a uniform federal probate code which applies to nearly all allotted reservations in the U.S. It includes provisions meant to decrease fractionation by setting limits on who can inherit Indian trust land and allowing for the sale of small interests at probate. Unfortunately, those provisions allow the federal government, rather than the landowner, to make decisions about the distribution of land and assets once the landowner is deceased. AIPRA automatically applies to all Indian probates of trust land in the U.S. unless there is a tribal probate code in place or the landowner has a valid will.

Key Provisions of AIPRA

- Does not apply if there is a tribal probate code in place or the decedent has a will. Otherwise, applies to all trust land and assets.
- Applies to those who died on or after June 20, 2006.
- Allows only an "Indian" person to inherit or purchase trust land at probate. This includes: eligible heirs who meet AIPRA's definition of "Indian," a co-owner in the allotment, the tribe, and non Indian children of lineal descent within two generations of the decedent.
- If the interests are five percent or greater:
 - Spouse, Indian or non-Indian, receives a life estate, but does not inherit the interests.
 - The interests pass equally first to eligible children, then grandchildren (if no children), then great-grandchildren (if no grandchildren, etc.), then surviving parents, then siblings, then the tribe, then co-owners, then to the secretary of the interior for sale.
 - If the interests are less than five percent:
 - Spouse, Indian or non-Indian, receives a life estate only if he or she is living on the parcel at the time of the decedent's death.
 - The interests pass directly to the oldest eligible living child, grandchild or great-grandchild. This is known as the "single heir rule."
 - If none of the above heirs exist, the interests pass to the tribe, then co-owners, then to the secretary of the interior for sale.
 - Purchases at probate of interests less than five percent can occur without the consent of a surviving spouse and heirs.
 - Amendments to the law state that only the tribe or secretary can purchase interests without consent.
 - Purchases at probate of interests greater than five percent require the consent of the surviving spouse and heirs.
 - With a will a landowner can:
 - Allow an Indian spouse to inherit trust land.
 - Transfer trust land to some individuals that are not considered eligible under AIPRA.
 - Choose to leave someone out of the will.
 - Actively protect trust land from further fractionation by leaving all of the interests in an allotment to one person.
 - Choose a life estate or joint tenancy with right of survivorship so that all family members can benefit from the land during their lifetimes.
 - Clarify wishes in regard to non-trust land and other personal property.
 - Make the probate process much easier for living family members.

Landowners should prepare their wills with the help of an attorney who is familiar with AIPRA and with the probate and transference of Indian trust lands and assets. There are legal service agencies throughout Indian Country who specialize in writing wills for Indian people. Most of these organizations can provide will writing services at a very low cost or sometimes free.

The attorney that helps prepare the will can provide a more detailed checklist of information needed and things to consider when writing a will. Some of the information requested will likely include:

- Names and addresses of family members or other individuals to whom the property will be left.
- List of personal property to be left and to whom.
- Individual Trust Interest Report.
- Individual Indian Monies Statement of Account.
- Deeds for fee land (if any).
- Mortgage and title documents for home and other property (if any).

In order to write a valid will, an individual must be at least 18 years of age and fully competent to manage his or her own affairs. The will must be signed by the person who is writing it and two witnesses who are not receiving anything from the will. Sometimes people will have a notary sign as well. An affidavit signed by the witnesses will also accompany the will. This document is to ensure that the legitimacy of the witness signatures is not questioned at probate if they are not able to attend. The sooner a will is prepared the better. Once a will is in place, it can always be legally amended or a new will can be written. It's a good idea to review a will after major events such as a birth, death or marriage that may affect the will.

Additional Resources:

Indian Estate Planning (Legal Services of North Dakota):

[http://www.iltf.org/sites/default/files/Indian Estate Planning \(Legal Services of ND\).pdf](http://www.iltf.org/sites/default/files/Indian%20Estate%20Planning%20(Legal%20Services%20of%20ND).pdf)

Estate Planning Options (Institute):

[http://www.iltf.org/sites/default/files/Estate Planning Options \(Institute\).pdf](http://www.iltf.org/sites/default/files/Estate%20Planning%20Options%20(Institute).pdf)

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Indian Wills (DOI):

[http://www.iltf.org/sites/default/files/Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Indian Wills \(DOI\).pdf](http://www.iltf.org/sites/default/files/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20Regarding%20Indian%20Wills%20(DOI).pdf)

Source: www.iltf.org



Election Ordinance

ARTICLE V -NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Section 1 -Qualifications:

Any duly enrolled member who is eighteen (18) years of age or older is qualified to make nominations.

Section 2 -Nominations:

Nominations for the Tribal Council will be made during the at the General Membership Meeting in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution of the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria. Nominations will be accepted from the general membership present. Written nominations received by the Office prior to the nomination meeting will also be accepted. Nominees shall decline or confirm their acceptance in writing within seven business (7) days. At the time of nomination acceptance, nominees will be issued an Election Packet that will include a list of registered voters.

ARTICLE VI -CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION

Section 1 -Notice:

The date of the election shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and announced at a regular Tribal Council meeting sufficiently in advance of the election to notify interested tribal members so that they can meet the time deadlines of this Ordinance.

Section 2 -Ballot:

The Election Board shall prescribe the form of the ballots to be used in each election. The names of the certified candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order.

Section 3 -Voting Procedure:

Voting shall start at 9:00 am on the day of the General Election, which is the third Saturday in May, in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria, and polls shall remain open for at least six (6) hours. (Already in Article II Section 2) The voter shall first sign his or her name on the Certified Voters List. The voter shall then be given a ballot. The voter shall deposit the completed ballot in the locked ballot box.

Should the voter make a mistake on or destroy his or her ballot, a new ballot may be issued to the voter. The spoiled ballot shall be voided immediately by an Election Board member.

Section 4 -Returns:

Immediately after the poll is closed the Election Board shall clear the area of all persons other than themselves and shall count the votes cast. Should any ballot contain votes for more than the specified amount, either listed candidates or write-ins, it shall be voided. The Election Board shall then certify and post the results of the election on the Tribal Election Results Form.

Section 5 -Write-In Candidates:

Spaces for write-in candidates will be provided for on the election ballots.

ARTICLE VII – ABSENTEE VOTING

Section 1 – Required

A provision for absentee voting is required for all elections. Absentee ballots must be mailed or hand delivered to the Election Board before the close of polls. Two or more members of the Election board shall pick up the absentee ballots at the post office within one hour before the closing of the polls. Any ballots received after the close of the polls shall not be counted.

Section 2 – Applications

Each person applying for an absentee ballot must fill out and sign an Application for Absentee Ballot. Absentee applications that require mailing must be requested at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election. Other absentee applications can be obtained during regular working hours until the close of business on the day prior to the election.

Section 3 – Ballots

The absentee ballots shall consist of a paper ballot, which meets the requirements of this Ordinance. The Election Board shall compare the signature on the return envelope to the signature on the Application for Absentee Ballot. If the signatures match, the ballot envelope shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. In the event the ballot is rejected because of an improper signature, the ballot shall be deposited in a separate secure box.

Section 4 – Rejected Ballots

At the closing of the polls, the Election Board shall open the rejection box and allow any interested tribal voter to challenge the rejection of any ballot. The decision of the Election Board shall be final. If a challenge is granted, the outer envelope shall be opened and the inner envelope deposited in the ballot box in the same manner as other absentee ballots. Unchallenged, rejected ballots shall be destroyed, unopened, after the election has been certified.

ELECTION DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Howonquet Hall
Community Center

Voter Registration Form

ELECTION TIME LINE

MARCH

Saturday, March 10, 2012
General Membership Meeting
Nominations for 2 Council
Seats

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Nominees accept or decline
within 7 business days.
Campaign letters due by 5:00
pm. 300 words or less.

Friday, March 30, 2012
Mail general election
information.

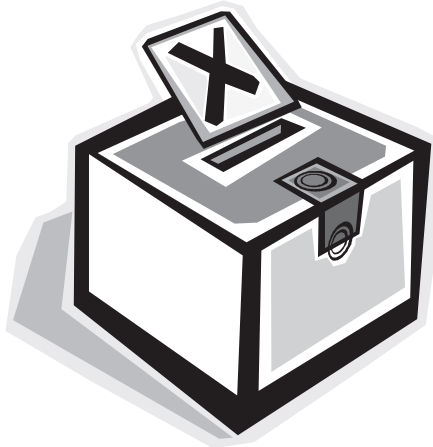
APRIL

Monday, April 30, 2012
Voter registration closes
(Tribal members may still
register but may not
participate until 2013.)

Monday, April 30, 2102
Last day for mailing absentee
ballots (15 days for mailing)

MAY

Saturday, May 19, 2012
Election Day (9:00 am - 3:00
pm) at Howonquet Hall
Community Center



SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA

140 Rowdy Creek Road
Smith River, CA 95567-9446
Tel.: (707) 487-9255 FAX: (707) 487-0930

ART. IV – Sec. 1 – Registrar: The Enrollment Clerk and/or a member of the Election Board shall serve as the Registrar of Voters for the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria.

ART. IV – Sec. 2 – Registration Required: An enrolled member must register to vote only once under this ordinance in order to vote in elections of the Smith River Rancheria. **An enrolled member shall not be eligible to vote unless registered fifteen (15) days prior to the election.**

ART. IV – Sec. 3 – Registration Form: any duly enrolled member eighteen (18) years of age or older who wishes to vote may register by executing a Registration Form stating their name, address, date of birth and signature. The name and mailing address of such members shall, upon verification of enrollment, be entered on the Smith River Rancheria Voter Registration List by the Registrar.

Therefore, if you are or will be 18 years of age or older by **April 30, 2012** and you desire to vote in the next election, please complete the bottom portion of this sheet and return it to the above address at your earliest convenience.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION – SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA

() Mr. () Mrs.

() Ms. () Miss

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Residence Address:

(Number – Street – Apt. No.)

City

County

State

Zip Code

Mailing Address: (If Different)

City

County

State

Zip Code

Telephone No. ()

Date of Birth:

I am an enrolled member of the Smith River Rancheria and will be at least 18 years of age by the next election. I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this affidavit is true and correct.

Date

Signature

Six Ways to Boost Your Self-Esteem

Has your self-esteem gone into hibernation with the bears or fallen by the wayside like the leaves on the trees? Before you let one more moment slip away, put the spring back into your step without waiting for the thaw. Whether your self-esteem is still going strong, fading, has disappeared all together, it makes sense for all us to nurture our confidence. Confidence equips us to face the tough and unpleasant times and allows for joy and pleasure when living is easy.

Here are 6 ways to give a boost to your self-esteem:

1. Recognize and embrace your positive qualities. Make a list of all your assets including skills, experiences, physical and social resources, talents, and anything else that makes you feel good about yourself. Add to the list the compliments that others have given you as well. Reminding yourself of all your assets is a sure confidence booster.

2. Accept that you are a desirable package rather than any one individual item. Accept that you are not perfect. Don't let any one particular shortcoming negate that you are a complex, multifaceted desirable package. See the desirable package that you are by taking a picture of yourself with a big smile on your face and post it on your bathroom mirror. Every time you look at your smile think of each of the positive characteristics that define you.

3. Trust that you are competent. Remind yourself of all the problems you have faced and tackled. Have faith that even if you cannot deal with a problem yourself that you will have the ingenuity to get the help, skills, or knowledge that you need. Doubting your capability? Take on a new challenge and prove to yourself you CAN rather than you can't. Pay attention to each accomplishment regardless of how small and make a mental note or, even better, keep a note pad. Give yourself extra credit when it required significant effort and don't forget to pat yourself on the back.

4. Believe in your own worth. Recognize that means making yourself a priority some of the time. Think of something you want to do and do it. Give yourself permission to say no, ask for what you want, or maneuver into a position to make it happen. Be prepared to tolerate disappointing others for the sake of recognizing that you matter and taking care of yourself.

5. Think back to most recent experience where you felt you fell short, made a mistake, or messed-up and force yourself to name five things that went right. We are not defined by any one thing but by the accumulation of our experiences.

6. Look in a full size mirror and pick five things that you are looking at that make you feel good. You can pick five things you see on the outside such as your physical attributes: eyes, lips, hair, nails, legs, feet, toes, or smile. You can also pick things related to your style such as: your hairdo, clothing, stance, make-up, shoes, or jewelry. In addition, you can pick items that come from the inside such as: your sparkle, spirit, energy, compassion, or kindness. Having trouble? Ask someone that matters to you to name five things you have to feel good about yourself. Try this every day for a week.

*Submitted by Leann Babcock-McCallum
CFS Program Technician*

*Published on January 17, 2010 by Leslie Sokol, Ph.D. in Think Confident, Be Confident
<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/think-confident-be-confident/201001/six-ways-boost-your-self-esteem>*

Self-Harming Behavior (AKA Cutting)

Do you ever hurt yourself when you're feeling overwhelmed? If so, you're not alone. For many people, self-harm is a way of coping with problems. It may help you express feelings you can't put into words, distract you from your life, or release emotional pain. Afterwards, you probably feel better—at least for a little while. But then the painful feelings return, and you feel the urge to get relief by hurting yourself again.

Self-harming behavior is not done to get attention; in fact, most people do it in secret, and it is difficult for them to ask for help. It is a coping behavior, though not a healthy one. Women and men do it. People don't do it because they are suicidal. They do it because it expresses feelings they can't put into words, it releases the pain and tension they feel inside, it helps them feel in control, it distracts them from emotions or difficult situations, it relieves guilt, and/or it reminds them they are alive. Self-harming isn't just cutting; it can be burning, hitting, or other things.

There are things you can do instead of self-harming, other ways to deal with the pain.

- * Confide in someone. Choose someone who won't gossip, or try to tell you what to do.
- * Figure out why you self-harm; what triggers the need?
- * Find new coping techniques. Search online for information, or call a hotline.
- * Get professional help. They can help you identify and heal the source of your pain.

If you self-harm, or know someone who does, one site for more information is http://helpguide.org/mental/self_injury.htm. You can call the Rancheria's Community and Family Services and ask for Judith (487-9255 x3134), and we can talk confidentially.

Remember – you are not alone.

Submitted by Judith Burke, Social Worker

Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)

Naa-xe Num-nii~ma~s (February) Birthdays

Patricia Adams
Herbert Arlandson
Jolynn Arlandson
Justus Arlandson
Frank Ault
Fred Bartow, Jr.
Alora Bergman
Brendan Berry
Aleah Bimemiller
Emily Bimemiller
Eunice Bommelyn
Jeremy Bravo
Maegan Bravo
Wade Bravo
Shayla Bray
Martha Brundin-Losh
Jacqueline Bruschi
Christy Cadotte
Kayla Cain
Alexis Calderon
Raelee Campbell-Vawter
Edward Capoeman Lopez
Elaine Capoeman Lopez
Anthony Chisman
Holly Cole
Owen Costa
Brandy Criner
Joseph Criteser
Michael Dobrec, Sr.
Ashley Eldredge
Deanna Ellis
Cheylei Erkkila
Celeste Fillmore
Margaret Fralich
John Frantz
Brittani Fugate
Nash Giola
Charles Gochanour, Jr.
Dena Gorbet
Doyle Green
Angel Hagen-Hernandez
Michael Halverson
Donna Haynes

Adison Hodges
Brandon Hodges
Brent Hodges
Darren Hodges
Frank Hostler II
Joseph Houston
Jenell Howell
Jolene Hubbard
Ye'wome'y James
Marilyn Jocsing
Christopher Kelly
Patricia Kelly
Michael Kennedy
Sandra Lewis
John Lopez Jr.
Alicia Lopez
Marian Lopez
Sela Lopez
Shenandoah Lopez
Shane Lopez-Johnston
Siena Lopez-Johnston
Jamie Maynard
Charlotte McClung
Brady McConaghy
Sara Mitchell
Heath A. Moon
Elaine Moorehead
Richard Moorehead Sr.
Dylan Moorehead-
O'Loughlin
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On Nov. 18, three Scouts with the Boy Scouts of America Del Norte District were recognized as 2011 Scouts of the Year.

Tribal Member Morgan Perry was awarded Boy Scout of the year.

Congratulations Morgan!

Submitted by Dorothy Perry



Request for Proposal

We are looking for
TRIBAL JEWELRY MAKERS
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three-strand,
traditional style necklaces
for the graduation banquet this year.

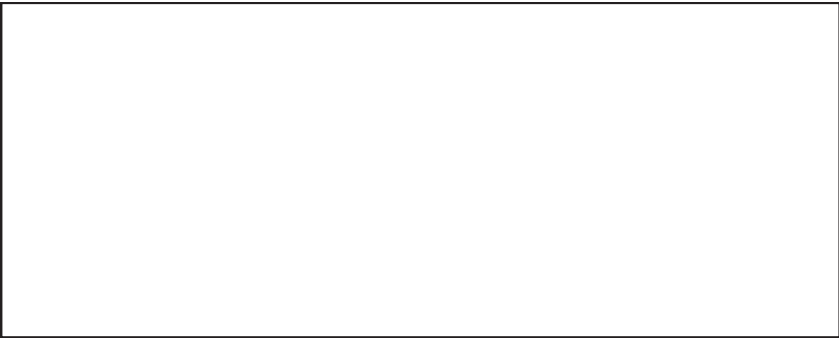
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For more information please contact
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For the month of November 2011, the Smith River Rancheria recycled approximately 4,162.5 pounds of paper. As a result, the following resources were conserved:

35 trees
791 gallons of oil
14,569 gallons of water
9,990 kilowatt hours of energy
208 cubic yards of landfill space

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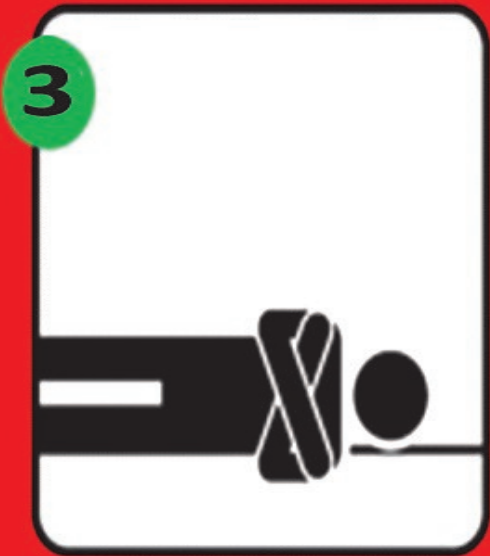
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